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Group looks to increase MLK awareness

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

Southern IMPACT is already making the move to plan more activities for a special day in January.

In the past, Missouri Southern has celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a breakfast at 7 a.m. on the day. Jason Givens, senior criminal justice major and president of IMPACT, said this time it will be different.

He said the attendees of the breakfast are made up mostly of the administration, faculty and staff of the University, along with some community members and a "small portion" of the student body.

"The issue that comes up in our meeting is that it's too early," Givens said.

Rather than change the time of the meal, the organization is trying to make more events throughout the day for students to attend. Currently, they are hoping for a workshop on King's life from the day of his birth to his assassination. After the workshop, he wants a lunch planned, for some people at least.

"We don't know if it'll be for all students," Givens said.

Dr. Al Cade
Assistant to the Dean of Education

Right now, there is nothing set in stone. Dr. Al Cade, assistant to the dean of education, is one of three faculty advisers to the group. Cade said the organization is doing research to get ideas for the day.

"They're looking what other campuses are doing to get more participation," Cade said.

He said they average 125 people at the breakfast.

Givens said other ideas for the day include an essay contest, having something at an area church and a moment of silence.

"It's a lot of activities that they want to do," Givens said. "The main project is the workshop."

Givens hopes to start the day at 7 a.m. and run until about 3 p.m. They are asking various professors at the University to participate, as well as going to the community, the NAACP, the George Washington Carver house and local represents for speakers and activities.

The goal is to get more students, as well as people outside of the institution, involved in the day and help them become more aware of its significance.

"They want the day to be more recognized than it has been in the past," Givens said.

"It's an opportunity for the campus to invite the community in and get a collaborative celebration," said Gloria Faine, associate professor of teacher education.

Also in the talks is the idea of trying to get that day recognized as a school holiday, meaning no classes. Givens said the group is just considering this possibility right now. He recognizes that the amount of people who would show up to activities on a day without classes would be less than on a day with classes.

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SCARY PUMPKIN

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Paige Christiansen, senior criminal justice major, helps her friend Kischa Acevedo, senior criminal justice major, carve a pumpkin. The Campus Activities Board had the pumpkins available for students to carve Oct. 29 in front of the BSC.

U.S. Department of Education awards social sciences grant

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

When faculty members in the social science department found out they received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education last year they were ecstatic.

When they found out they received a second grant from the government this year, words to describe their emotions were hard to come by.

"We did a happy dance," said Dr. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history.

> *"We did a happy dance."*
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> **Dr. Larry Cebula**
> *Associate Professor of History*

The social science department, in partnership with the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence, the George Washington Carver National Monument and the Harry S Truman Library received a $1 million Teaching History Through Biography grant last month.

Southern will use the money to help prepare pre-service students in the teacher education program to become better history teachers. Money will also be used to purchase computers, library books, cameras and a variety of digital equipment for classrooms.

"It's going to benefit Missouri Southern tremendously," Cebula said.

Although a portion of the grant will go toward new equipment, a good portion of it will go toward a series of seminars for Southern

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Southern loses nursing student

BY MICHELLE CONTY
Coordinating Editor

Missouri Southern lost a promising nursing student. Chris Custer, sophomore nursing major, age 42 of Joplin, died Oct. 24.

Custer's death is currently under investigation as a possible suicide, said Donna Martin, Nevada resident, and Custer's cousin.

"Of all the people, I can't believe it, it just wasn't like my friend," said Charolett Johnson, freshman nursing major.

"She was a very giving person — always there to help anyone through anything."

Services were held Oct. 27 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Nevada. Burial was held in Click Cemetery, Nevada.

"It was an overflowing funeral," Martin said. "There were so many people who loved and cared for her; it was unreal the people who came out for her."

Johnson and Custer met in class and became close friends.

"Besides my husband, she was my best friend," Johnson said.

Shortly after her high school graduation in 1978, Custer earned her LPN degree at Nevada Regional Technical Center in Nevada.

Chris Custer

She later worked at Nevada Regional Medical Center as a surgery nurse.

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Teen shares life story after auto accident

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

A few drinks at a party changed Brandon Silverias' life forever.

About 150 people were listening when he told his story at Oct. 27 in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Missouri's first lady, Lori Holden, and the Century Council, a national non-profit organization, hosted Brandon Silveria and his father, Tony. America's leading distillers funded the Century Council. It concentrates its efforts in areas such as educational programs about alcohol for middle school through college, programs designed to reduce drunk driving and programs to prevent illegal underage drinking.

After a short introduction by University President Julio León, Silveria talked about how his choices affected his life.

Seventeen-year-old Brandon Silveria was severely injured when, after a few drinks at a party, decided to drive home. Silveria fell asleep at the wheel, crossed the centerline and crashed into a tree. After enduring a coma for nearly three months, Silveria spent three years in rehabilitation. He was so badly injured that basic motor functions such as walking, talking and swallowing had to be relearned.

"I had it all at my fingertips, a job and a girlfriend," Silveria said. "I played football, soccer and was popular at school. I only had a couple of beers. I didn't realize how tired I was. I was only one and a half miles away from home when I had my accident."

Silveria emphasized how important choices are. They can sometimes be a matter of life and death.

"I hope to prevent you and your family from having to go through what me and my family

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Patti Richardson/The Chart

Tony Silveria speaks for his son Brandon Silveria about the poor choices his son made after a night of drinking and driving. Brandon was severely hurt in an accident.

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Low: 62

SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 73
Low: 57

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Group funds Busch visit

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

In the spirit of Christmas two months early, the Student Senate discussed its annual caroling night at the Oct. 29 meeting.

Senators will sing Christmas carols at two nursing homes Dec. 10.

"The people at the nursing homes usually enjoy a group of young people coming and singing to them," said Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate.

Senate president Zack Odem agreed.

"It might be a highlight of their Christmas," he said.

Odem said from experiences he's had working with nursing homes before, many of the elderly are unfortunately forgotten during the holiday seasons.

Both Odem and Griffin agreed the nursing homes the Senate visits will enjoy the carols, even if the students cannot sing.

"It's usually a pretty good time," Griffin said.

In other Senate business, the senators plan to meet with University President Julio León and other University administrators sometime before the end of the semester. The tentative date is Nov. 19.

"This is something we try to do every year," Odem said.

Odem said the meeting is one item that sets the University apart from other schools.

"A lot of universities' student governments never really have any dealings with their administration," he said.

Senators, out of courtesy, will submit any questions they have for León and the administrators at least a week ahead of the meeting.

"We're pretty open about what we can ask them," Odem said.

Senate also untabled the Southern Concepts organization.

The club reworked the papers it needed to become officially recognized by CAB and Senate as an organization.

Next semester it will be officially recognized, but the club may receive funding this semester.

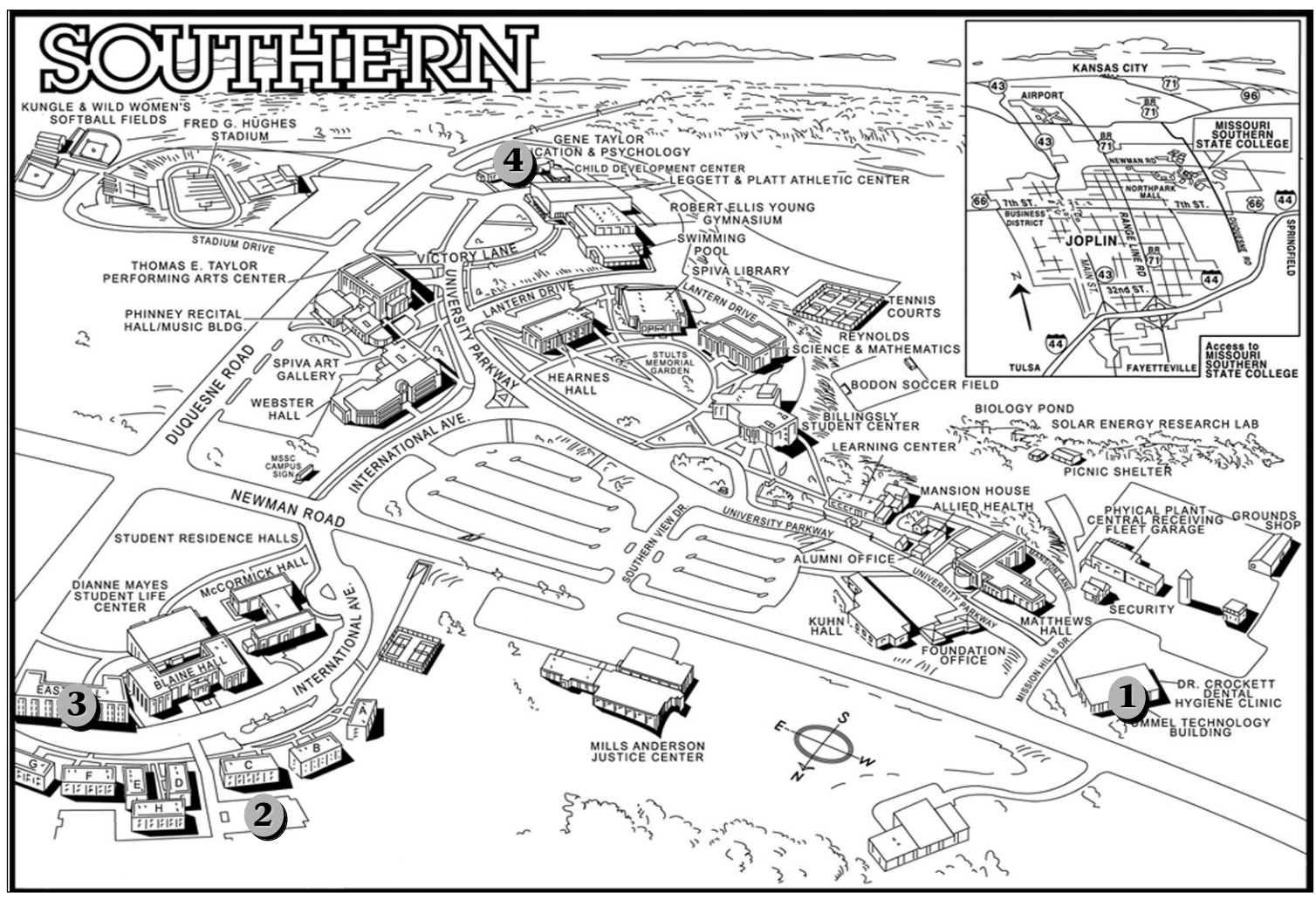
The finance committee recommended $1,000 and after the club presented a revised finance report to the Senate, the Senate approved the $1,000.

The Finance and Management club also requested and received $1,000 for a trip to St. Louis.

The group will visit AG Edwards, Edward Jones and the Anheuser-Busch corporate offices.

After the last Senate meeting, the Senate had $7,868 left in its budget.

Odem also reminded senators about the plans for the electronic sign and the proposed health and recreation center.



Officer shatters window with slim jim

1 Fire Alarm

10/27/03

11:04 a.m.

A smoky smell was reported in the Ummel Technology Building, Room 110. The building was evacuated, but the alarms weren't going off. Security triggered the fire alarm and then checked Room 110.

The smell was caused by a burned out light ballast. The building was then reoccupied.

2 Shattered Window

10/26/03

1:15 p.m.

Security was asked to unlock a car for the owner. Using a slim jim tool, the officer had no success. The slim jim got stuck on the lock mechanism and as the officer tried to free it, it shattered the glass.

The car was eventually opened. The owner was told to contact her personal insurance company about the accident.

3 Sick Student

10/25/03

10:10 a.m.

Security was called about a student choking. The student was getting hysterical thinking she was going to choke to death.

She had taken a pill for cramping, and it had stuck in her throat. After a few sips of water, the pill started to dissolve. She refused to go to the hospital to be checked out.

4 Sick Student

10/24/03

10:40 a.m.

In reference to a female student complaining of tunnel vision and low blood sugar, security was called to Taylor Hall. Upon arrival, the student said she was having a hard time standing and was shaking. She explained that she had a glucose intolerance.

The student was transported to the nurse's office at Kuhn Hall.

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students and area history teachers.

The seminars will focus on a variety of topics including civil rights, colonial times, the Underground Railroad and Lewis and Clark.

Dr. Larry Cebula
Associate Professor of History

Students interested in the seminars need to fill out an application, which will be available by the social science department in late November.

"These seminars allow us to really expand significantly what we can do," said Dr. Richard Miller, social science department head.

Miller said the seminars will be intense, but will be worthwhile for students that are accepted. Students receive a stipend, college credit and the opportunity to participate in a summer trip.

In summer 2004, Cebula will take students to Virginia to study the state's colonial history. It's a trip to show future history teachers and current history teachers the appropriate material to teach to students.

"These seminars are not a how-to-teach history program," Cebula said. "It's what to teach and make sure the teachers get it right."

Pam George, project director with the Southwest Center for Educational Excellence in Webb City, said the Center was happy to hear the news that they would be receiving the grant.

"We're so thrilled," George said.

"It's very impressive."

Although the grant is geared toward history, Miller said he's sure the grant will have a much greater impact.

The grant elevates the University and makes connections with teachers throughout Southwest Missouri," Miller said.

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"If you have an activity on a three day weekend, there won't be any show," he said. D.J. Prue, sophomore undecided major, said both things should happen. Students should get the day off, and there should be more activities.

He thinks students would show up on their day off.

"If we got a day off from school, it would allow for more activities to show up to," Prue said.

Faine said the focus of the discussion is not whether or not there will be school, but rather how to get students to show up at the events.

Lack of participation at the events of the day is the main focus.

So far, Cade said the administration, as well as numerous faculty members, have been "really supportive" of the planning of more events. Givens said he is looking to other clubs and organizations to help with the day.

He hopes to have everything planned out by the end of November.

Campus Calendar

Student nurses promote running for one's life with first race

The Student Nurses Association will be hosting the first "5K Run for your life."

Anyone can register for the event.

The early registration cost is $12, but persons may register the day of the race for $15.

The cost will cover the runner packets, which include a T-shirt and race packet. Trophies will be awarded to the top three overall runners, while medals will be given to the top three in each of the seven age divisions.

The proceeds from the race will help fund the NSNA trip for student nurses, as well as help in community service projects.

The race will be held at 8 a.m. Nov. 8. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. in the Missouri Southern football stadium parking lot.

For information, persons may look for the fliers around campus or contact Chrys Corcoran, the NSNA faculty adviser.

Foundation offers opportunity for students to pick paycheck

The Missouri Southern Foundation is planning its next annual Phonathon.

The Phonathon will run from Monday, Jan. 26 through Thursday, April 29. Anyone is invited to participate. Workers will be paid.

The workers can chose how large their paycheck will be by choosing on their own how many hours they will work and how often.

Pay for the first shift will be $6 per hour and $7 per hour for the second shift.

Students can earn anywhere from $18 to $1,300.

The calling shifts will be 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

For information, persons may call Sue Routledge at 625-9396.

Bud Clark directs fall concert for brown bag entertainment

The next brown bag lunch will be held from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Friday.

The event will feature a Fall Choral Concert by Southern Exposure and Concert Chorale. Bud Clark will direct the concert.

The event will be held in the Billingsly Student Center, Connor Ballroom.

Persons may pick up their free lunch at the mini-buffet in the ballroom.

Cuban-American couple speak on traditions in native country

Joplin's only Cuban-American couple will be speaking at Missouri Southern Friday.

Joplin attorney Aldo Dominguez and wife Diana will be speaking on a variety of issues, including how they maintain communication with their Cuban relatives, how they maintain Cuban traditions with their two children, their families' flights from communism and their impressions of the current situation of their homeland.

Aldo Dominguez came to the United States in 1965 while his wife moved here in 1988.

He has been featured nationally on NBC's "Hispanic Today" program.

The event starts at 1 p.m. and is free to the public.

SAA seeks out non-perishables for Soul's Harbor Halloween

The Student Alumni Association is trick-or-treating for canned goods Friday.

The SAA will be going through neighborhoods surrounding Missouri Southern from 6:30-8 p.m.

Members will be wearing SAA shirts while collecting.

They will be picking up non-perishable items in decorated grocery sacks.

The goods collected from trick-or-treating will be donated to Soul's Harbor in Joplin to help the charity organization stock up for the upcoming holidays.

The event is one of two fall semester community service projects for the group.

Learning Center offers classes to teach students fast reading

A speed reading class will be offered in the spring semester.

Students in the class will get one-hour of credit for the five-week course.

Four sessions will be offered during the semester.

The first one starts Jan. 19-Feb. 18 and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-2:15 p.m.

The second session begins Jan. 20 and runs through Feb. 19 on Tuesday and Thursday at the same time as the first session.

The other two sessions do not start until March.

While there are four different sessions, the class size of each session is limited to 12.

For information or to enroll, persons may call the Learning Center at 625-9373.

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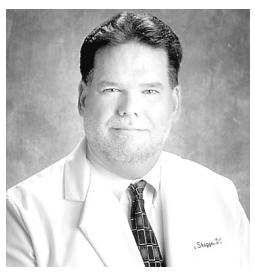
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Group promotes sexual diversity on campus

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

A group set on promoting diversity has arrived on campus.

Along with five other people, Jason Hare, freshman Spanish major, has started the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbian and Allies for Diversity group at Missouri Southern. B-GLAD was formed because Hare did not see any other groups for diversity on the campus.

"So, we put one together," Hare said.

A similar group is already in place at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.

Hare said he contacted the East Coast group and adopted its constitution, as well as sharing the name.

The group was started to help promote numerous forms of diversity in life. Hare said he wanted a group where people of different sexual orientations, be it straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transsexual, could all attend.

Dr. Christie Cathey, assistant professor of psychology, is the faculty adviser for the group.

"I think it's important for this group to exist as a haven for people," Cathey said. "There's not a lot of diversity in this part of the country."

Hare said the group lets people know they are not alone. He also hopes the group will attract gays to the University.

"If they're not from this area, they're not going to be attracted to this area if it's so closed," he said. "It's good to know there are other people."

So far, Hare said there are five members in the group plus him, and they have 36 people on their mailing list.

They have encountered dissension to the organization. While liberals have given them a good response, Hare said conservatives have not been so friendly.

"We've heard some preaching," he said.

He said one lady spent an hour preaching to him when his group had a table set up in Billingsly Student Center, along with SPEAK and the College Democrats. He said the trio works closely together, and some of the members are even "cross members" into the other groups.

He doesn't let the dissenters get to him. He said he isn't trying to change people's views, so he isn't going to argue with anyone about it.

"I don't see that it does any good, generally," he said. "They won't give up and you just have to learn to tune them out. We're not here to be a negative power."

While a similar group called the Gay Straight Alliance was formed years ago, it did not last on the campus. Hare hopes to change that. Even though this is a hard organization to "get off the ground," he said he hopes to make it last.

To do that, he said they have to go public and let people know they're here and not going anywhere. He also has to get the group dependent not on the leadership, but rather on the body.

"I hope to get people alive," he said.

"The founders hope that once they leave, the organization can continue after they're gone," Cathey said.

The group also promotes diversity in religion. Currently, there are numerous different religions practiced by different members of the group, including Judaism and Unity.

"Already we've got the religious thing," Hare said.

While it is new to the campus, the group is already working on different projects, including making safe-zones with different faculty members. The safe-zone will be where students can go and speak with an adult about their problems without fear of ridicule.

"It's freedom to speak your mind without consequences," he said.

The safe-zones should be put into effect in the spring semester. The group meets at 3 p.m. every Monday in Billingsly, Room 311. Hare invites everyone interested to attend. He said there is just one qualification for members.

"The qualification is you can't hate gay people and be a member," he said.

Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Beth Cammilletti, senior criminal justice major, looks at class rings during the Graduation Expo on Oct. 29. Booths were set up to ease graduation for seniors.

Expo prepares grads to walk in December

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

Students walked from table to table at the Graduation Expo Oct. 29, trying to get their graduation plans squared away.

Kelly Wilson
Director of Student Support Center

This was the second year for the expo, the first one taking place in spring 2003 and attracting around 250 graduates.

Kelly Wilson, director of student support center, said the purpose of the expo is to assist graduates in completing the graduation process. Tables for career services, alumni services, the business office, graduation rings and graduation announcements were among those at the expo.

Wilson said the expo is a way for the graduates to get everything done all in one place that needs to be done before they graduate.

"What I've been told by students is that they really appreciate [the expo]," Wilson said.

The expo started at 10 a.m. and lasted until 7 p.m. with a break between 2-4 p.m.

Wilson said the expo went until 7 p.m. for those students who couldn't come during the day because of work or class.

Nick Wilkowski, senior CIS major, graduates in December. He was able to set up an interview at the expo to talk about paying off his financial aid. He said it was nice to have a setup like the expo for the "hectic" graduation time

"It just kind of helps get everything organized," Wilkowski said.

Missouri Southern expects about 350 graduates in December.

Wilson said the expo is a way to send them off in style.

"It makes [graduation] seem real," Wilson said. "It's just around the corner."

Drury Inn and Suites had a table set up at the expo to offer graduates' families a place to stay during the graduation ceremonies.

Drury offered a discounted rate of $55 a room for graduates' families.

"This is something new we thought we'd give a try," said Nicole Beiermann, area sales manager for Drury.

Amber Phipps, senior health promotion and wellness major, came to the expo to prepare for her graduation in May.

She said she will be interning in the spring, so she has to get everything done this fall.

Phipps was able to pick out her cap and gown and see some graduation announcements.

"I think it's very helpful for the students," Phipps said. "It helps us see options."

LEX law club combines fun, learning

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

There are some students at Missouri Southern who may be facing a jury.

They're the members of LEX, the Legal Studies Club.

LEX is a club open to any full- or part-time student interested in law. Members tend to be pre-law or paralegal studies majors.

"This is my second meeting so I can't say a lot about what the club does, but I want to be a lawyer," said Sarah Alcorn, sophomore speech communications major.

The 16 members with the assistance of their adviser Michael Yates, professor of political science and paralegal studies, also an attorney at law, have explored many areas related to law.

"I just try to help them implement whatever activities they have planned," Yates said.

Meetings for the club are held every two weeks at 12:20 p.m., and the next scheduled meeting will be Nov. 4 in Webster Hall, Room 105.

Tomie Parsons-Avant, a local attorney and past president of LEX, was on hand at the Oct. 21 meeting. The subject of her talk described how a jury was chosen and the process of selecting the jury.

> *"Future employers like to know that you're an active participant in organizations."*
>
> **Christi Gowen**
> *Junior Political Science Major*

"If you ask 20 different people how to pick a jury, you'll probably get 30 different answers," Parsons-Avant said.

In the past, the club has seen many speakers focusing on a wide range of topics. Past subjects include the role of the municipal court, child support enforcement and living wills.

"We even sponsored candidates for assistant circuit judges in Jasper county in debates," Yates said.

The organization has been involved in a wide variety of activities both on and off campus.

In June, the club attended a two-day conference at Lake of the Ozarks sponsored by the Missouri Paralegal Association. Members attended seminars and lectures pertaining to bankruptcy, ethics and many other law topics.

"The trip opened up the legal profession and helped me to realize how important the profession is," said Kirk Wattman, senior political science major. "I had a great time."

The organization has taken field trips to law offices, court houses and law schools and has sat in on trials in order to gain more understanding of its chosen field. Members aren't always working; fun things are planned by the club, too. They have float trips, Christmas parties, participate in the campus activities like Homecoming and have what is called LEX night at the movies.

"Being part of the club looks good on your resume," said Christi Gowen, junior political science major and president of LEX. "Future employers like to know that you're an active participant in organizations."

CRASH

Russ Hagerman/The Chart

A two-vehicle accident at Newman Road and Southern View Drive Oct. 27 leaves one person injured.

Annie Baxter Award ceremony recognizes women for contributions to community

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

To honor women who make significant contributions to their communities, the Annie Baxter Award was born in 1990.

During an awards ceremony Oct. 28, the winner of the 14th annual Annie Baxter Award was announced. The ceremony took place at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. The Helen S. Boylan Foundation and the Missouri Southern social sciences department sponsor the award.

Among 10 nominations for the award, Roseann Bentley, a former Missouri State Senator, was named the winner.

"She has a remarkable career in public service," said Dr. Virginia Laas, associate professor of history and moderator of the ceremony.

Laas introduced all of the nominees after a dinner served in their honor.

She gave a brief description of their accomplishments, saying it was difficult for the judges to choose just one winner.

"In truth, all of these women are winners," Laas said.

The winner, who was determined to play a significant role in government and politics, received a sculpture designed by a Carthage artist.

The first winner of the Annie Baxter Award, Marjorie Bull, former Jasper County clerk, said her award now lies in the historical display at the Jasper County courthouse. She gave a brief speech about her work as county clerk.

"It was a lot of fun," Bull said.

Noreen Kohrs, city clerk of Clever, Mo., attended the dinner and awards ceremony, because she was nominated by her mayor. She was a nominee both this year and last year.

"I think it's a privilege just to be nominated," Kohrs said.

Kohrs went to the dinner last year as well.

"The lady who won last year well deserved it," she said.

Shawna Flannery, Nixa parks and recreation manager, was the winner in 2002. Laas said the purpose of the Annie Baxter Award is to recognize women for their work in their communities.

"I don't know how their communities would get along without them," she said.

Editor's Column

Into our lives creeps ignorance like a virus

With agonizing pain, Harry Houdini performed his last stage act in Detroit on Oct. 31, 1926. His death was the result of an appendicitis brought on by a pulverizing blow to the stomach a week earlier. The man who hit Houdini was a fan who had welcomed the opportunity to see the famed magician when he came to the fan's college.

Nate Billings
International Editor

After the show, Houdini allowed the student to come into his study and talk with him. When the student arrived, Houdini was working on some papers. The student then asked Houdini if he could try his punch on the famed stomach. Houdini said he could take any punch thrown at him. Before he could stand up and brace himself for the punch, the student let loose and pelted Houdini in the stomach. Houdini, unprepared for the rush, keeled over in pain. He was dead a week later.

This story illustrates the perverse nature of ignorance. Ignorance is a sweeping disease that creeps into our schools, lives and workplaces. I have put up with ignorance far more than I believe I should.

After Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his candidacy for governor, I was watching CNN and MSNBC. The two channels were airing a debate, which caught my attention. The topic was the run for the presidency in 2008. To my amazement, they were predicting Schwarzenegger to run and use his campaign as a stepping-stone. Another thing, which amazed me far beyond my imagination, was the person making this claim; she was a former Clinton adviser.

Of all people, she should know Schwarzenegger cannot run for president because he was not born in the United States.

Even if such an exuberant claim is not made, I sometimes find myself arguing with people because of my political and religious associations. I am a Christian and a Republican. I don't mind others having an opinion. The liberals need a say; otherwise, this isn't America. However, I find it a horrible waste of our freedoms if people refuse to educate themselves about the issues at hand.

Some of my liberal friends are best friends, but not because of their ideas. They try hard to support their ideas and the issues they promote. I try to support my ideas, too. We have something in common. We hate ignorance.

As an educated society, it is our duty to keep ourselves well informed about the issues.

I urge others to take advantage of the freedom of education. The wonted ignorant is a blot in our existence. We, the intelligent, must prevail.

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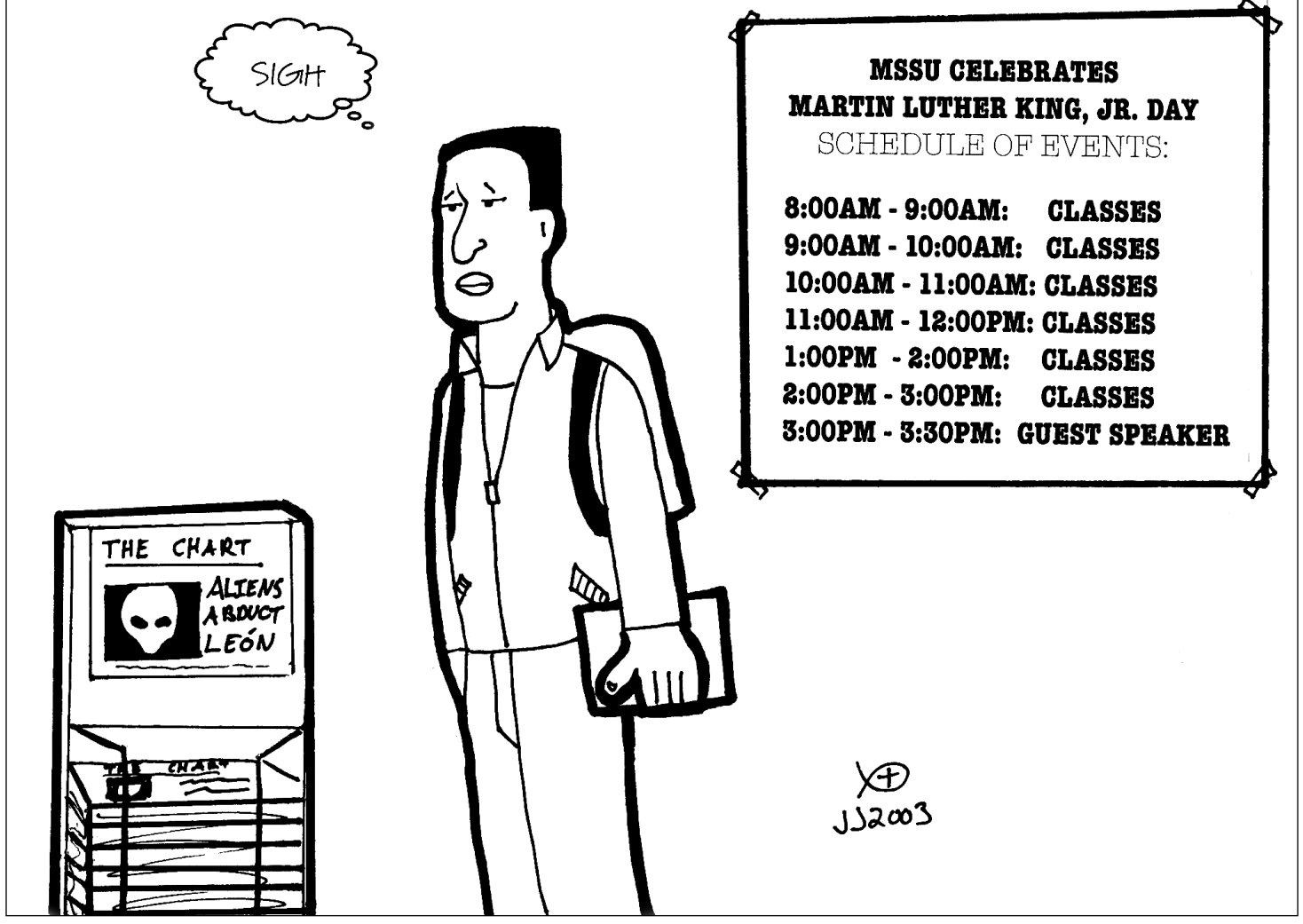


MLK Day deserves respect

Chart Opinion

Southern IMPACT is attempting to to better recognize Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The club is considering asking for a day off of school. At the very least, members want the University to plan more events for the day.

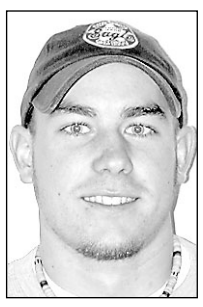
The Chart supports the club's efforts, however, we believe if classes were to be let out for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, then classes should also be let out for other federal holidays, such as Veteran's Day, Presidents Day and possibly the controversial Columbus Day, as well. We believe letting classes out is not a viable option; alternate celebrations should be established. The University's current MLK Day celebration includes only a breakfast, but officials should also plan speakers or other presentations to recognize King and his efforts for civil rights.

This option would yield a respectable commemoration of the spirit of the holiday and would not defame King, his actions or all he stood for. It would also promote the true meaning behind the holiday itself without giving students an extra day to do assignments, an extra night to party and without adding an extra day to the end of the spring semester.

The same would occur if other holidays were recognized with a day off. Days would have to be added to the end of the semester. The vast majority of students, as well as faculty and staff, would most likely rather finish finals as early into December and May as possible. Proper reflection should be endorsed and facilitated by the University, but releasing classes is not an acceptable method for commemoration for any such holiday.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Should we observe MLK Day and why?



"Yes, because most students here are non-traditional and their children get the day off from school so why shouldn't they? It would solve a lot of problems for the ones who really want to learn."

Arron Page
Sophomore
Business Management
Major

"Yes. He was an important man in history, and everyone should take the day off and reflect back on history. The world may have been a different place if he wouldn't have been such a great speaker."

Melissa Turner
Junior
Biology
Major

"I'm not for or against it, but since the federal government chose Martin Luther King, Jr. and civil rights to be celebrated together, I believe the University needs to recognize it with more than a breakfast."

Dean Muse
Junior
Mathematics
Major

"Yes, out of respect for the holiday and other schools get the day off so why don't we?"

Kristi Smith
Senior
Elementary Education
Major

"Yes. We try to be a diverse and international university so why is it when we come to this holiday we don't get it off? Just look at all the other days we have off and what for? At least he tried to do something positive."

Angie Hartman
Junior
Early Childhood
Education Major

Letters

Sidewalks should be forum for freedom of speech

I want to add my voice in support of campus organizations, most recently SPEAK, who are using the campus sidewalks to communicate crucial messages that rise directly from the reason they exist as campus organizations ("SPEAK speaks out against war," *The Chart* Oct. 24, 2003).

The messages SPEAK chalked, while striking and disturbing, convey information to students, faculty and visitors about the consequences of the war in Iraq.

Bringing that information to the campus community in a variety of modes is what SPEAK is about: to suggest that they do not do that is comparable to suggesting that a fraternity not announce its upcoming rush by chalking the walks, or that Homecoming royalty candidates not campaign under our feet.

If there are complaints about the chalkings, those complaining, as long as they are part of a campus organization, should have the opportunity to use the walks as a forum to respond.

If those who are disturbed by or disagree with what's expressed in the chalkings are not part of a campus organization, they should still respect the fact that public universities must remain venues for free speech and the exchange of ideas, provided, as Michelle Yipé pointed out in *The Chart* article, that speech is not "hurtful, racist or obscene."

I well remember campuses coming alive in the 1960s and early 1970s with messages posted, chalked, chanted and, of course, shouted to air issues and convey beliefs about the war in Vietnam, civil rights and women's liberation.

How can such statements not be healthy, indeed vital, for the intellectual and social life of the campus?

Dr. William Kumbier
Professor of English and Philosophy

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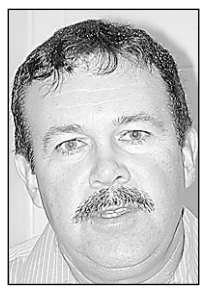
In Perspective

'Don't be afraid to be right or wrong'

One of the best aspects of working in education is the chance to share ideas and discuss them with others. So here I will share my thoughts on the power of ideas.



Dr. Daniel Marsh
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To begin with, no one really knows where a new idea comes from. People who made great discoveries tell of "seeing a light" where their key concept comes to them in a form that is nearly complete. However, although they may recall the situation that indicated the need for a new concept and the recognition of the new concept when they "find it," they cannot describe the process of its development. Somehow the human mind is able to take information and put it together in an entirely new way where the output information is greater than the input information.

There is no set time for an idea to arrive. Discoveries don't just happen in the lab or in the workplace from nine to five. The idea itself seems to come when it is ready, at any time of the day or night.

True ideas cannot be controlled as property. In fact, the ownership of ideas is itself paradoxical. No one can really "own" an idea. A person's thoughts only have value and become ideas when you "give them away". I say, "give away", because once you let go of a thought it is no longer yours. The thought takes on a life of its own, growing and changing as it passes from one person to another. However, the interesting twist is that once you understand an idea, it then, by its nature, becomes yours. This is because you can't understand something by just copying it. No one who simply copies an idea understands it. Only those who "make it his or her own", i.e., interpret it into his or her own thoughts and his or her own situation in life, really understand an idea.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of ideas is their unique power to change the world around us. Clearly this is true in science, but it is also true in whatever one does in life.

Therefore I believe that inspiring students to develop their own ideas (as well as to develop other's ideas in a way that makes them their own)

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is one of the highest goals that one can have at a university. In a world that is constantly changing, the key to personal success is adaptability, and that is related to ones ability to produce and understand new ideas. In bad economic times any person could be replaced and any position could be phased out, however those who are open to new ideas will be able to adapt to whatever the future brings.

So how does one become a person that develops and adapts to new ideas?

Never stop learning; never be satisfied with a superficial understanding of what you learn and what you do. Always consider the ideas of others, even if you don't like them or can't use them. There may be parts of them that will help you in the future. Don't be afraid to be wrong or to have ideas that others don't find exciting or useful. Creative people have many wrong ideas, however they have so many ideas that some must be right.

We must never stop looking for ideas, because that is the best way we have to control the future. Great leaders live and die, civilizations will rise and fall, but the different ways of looking at things around us is what really changes the world.

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Misconceptions abound with the feminist movement

I was troubled and saddened by the column, "Feminist movement takes equality too far," because it is a reminder of the misconceptions associated with "feminism," a term that all too often is inappropriately greeted with derision and distaste. I couldn't disagree more with the notion that the feminist movement has gone "too far."

As someone who grew up before the feminist movement had begun to flourish, I remember only too clearly the dismaying lack of choices available to women.

Many institutions of higher learning, graduate programs and most professions were open only to men, and women who sought to expand their horizons were generally ridiculed or ignored. Although the situation has changed dramatically, many women continue to be wrongly treated as inferiors in both their personal and professional lives. Feminists wish to address this problem and to see women treated with fairness, respect and dignity. The disturbing notion that a woman should be considered a sexual object is repugnant to feminists and has been since the movement's inception. Moreover, accusations that feminism promotes teen pregnancy, familial problems, unruly offspring and other social ills are also unfair. These are complex issues that cannot be reductively attributed to women's desire for equality.

It is vital, too, for us to keep in mind the difference between "nature" and "culture" and to question what society views as "natural." Perceptions that men and women are completely different and thus should perform different roles have historically led to outrageous acts of injustice, humiliation and exclusion.

"Feminism" is not the equivalent of a four-letter word. Instead, the movement has brought numerous positive changes that have enriched the lives of men as well as women. I urge all students to question harmful stereotypes and continue the important work toward a more equal and just society.

Dr. Patricia Murphy
Assistant Professor of English

Column writer promotes 'ridiculous stereotypes'

A recent column blamed feminism for everything from the collapsed family to deviant child behavior but failed to show any causal relationships.

The objectification claim is laughable, but perhaps the writer did not get the memo concerning the thousands of years of patriarchy that consistently relegated women to the sector of sexual object, as evidenced in everything from art to economics.

Furthermore, to suggest all feminists be lumped under one man-hating, lecherous, penis-envying umbrella shows ignorance of facts.

For instance, concerning pornography, feminists are sharply divided into anti-porn, liberal and pro-porn groups. The first group, comprised mostly of academia, spearheaded much anti-porn legislation.

The second group staunchly opposes porn, but allows it rather than quench free speech.

The last group, comprised mainly of sex workers, reflects only a modicum of "feminists."

In her misunderstanding of feminism, the writer does nothing more than promote ridiculous stereotypes, like ones about single moms. Fact is the incidence of births to single women has only increased from 13 per 1,000 to 18.9 per 1,000 since the '60s (U.S. Census).

But this statistic does not tell the whole story. Stigmas have decreased during this same time allowing those who might have formerly been coerced by society into a despondent marriage to do the unthinkable: raise a perfectly healthy child on their own. Research that says they can't fails to factor in socio-economic ills present (*Culture of Fear*, by B. Glassner, Pages 90-100).

The truth is that a witch hunt has been invoked by the media and politicians against this easy and popular target.

Single moms have a tough enough job. They should be encouraged, not scorned.

On this issue and more, the writer has become the willing, though unlikely tool of misogyny. Perhaps she should remember that if not for feminism she would have no column at all.

Jeff Youngblood
Sophomore Graphic Arts Major

Pornography endangers women's equality, image

The "bone" I'm picking is with Melissa Dunson.

Feminism is the theory of the political, economic and social equality of the sexes.

Dunson said the "sexual revolution has resulted in higher single mother and teen pregnancy rates."

Sexual revolution?

I thought we were talking about the feminist movement.

It had always been my impression that teen pregnancy rates were due to the fact that the school system denies that the teaching of condoms, birth control and sex alternatives is an important part of our youth's education.

"The truth is that our feminist society encourages women to parade themselves as purely sexual beings. This hurts not only the poor woman whose body has been willingly turned into an object of masturbation."

Most feminists believe that pornography is not only harmful, it portrays women as submissive and without control over one's self.

Who told Dunson that this was a belief consistent with feminism? That person was wrong.

"There is an increasing population of 'latch-key kids' who spend far too much time unsupervised."

Who's to say this is due to the feminist movement?

Lets pretend that the raising of our "latch-key kids" was the responsibility of the community, or at least the mother and the father.

"Feminism has caused a trend in career women waiting to have children until they have established themselves vocationally, only to find that they have waited too long and are unable to conceive."

Is there something wrong with placing yourself out of the traditionally statical(sic) norm by educating yourself and putting yourself in a place to actually care for your children properly before you have them.

If more and more people were waiting to have kids until they are mentally and financially stable, welfare and unwanted children would become extinct.

I'm curious to hear Dunson's alternative to working and waiting to have children until one's ready.

The only alternative I can think of is to wait until you find a rich man, then hold true to your wifely duties, staying at home barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen.

Andrea Collins
Junior Undecided Major

Editor needs to be thankful for feminist contributions

Speaking as the socially-inept, deviant child of a working, single mother, I'd like to take this time to say that Melissa Dunson's editorial is right on the mark.

Bravo, Dunson. I too have grown tired of the feminists and their "demands."

First, they gave women the right to vote, and now look at everything — women are voting.

So annoying.

Then they started driving, owning property, attending school, wearing shoes ... where does it stop?

I can't tell you how much it bothers me that, as a man, I won't be able to exert authority over my future wife with physical force.

Thanks to the feminists, such physical reprimands are called "abuse," and I could even be arrested for it. Oh, what moral decay will ensue when a man is no longer able to keep his lesser half under control through the administration of savage (yet loving) beatings?

These upstart feminists might someday get it into their heads that they don't have to pop out a strong male heir once a year for their men.

That was sarcasm.

This isn't: as a woman, Dunson, you owe a lot to the struggles and sacrifices of feminists.

If you don't think their arguments are valid, that's your right, but you at least owe it to them to get your information straight.

Feminists dislike pornography because it exploits women and degrades them into sex objects. Feminists have never encouraged a woman to use her sexuality to compete with men, far from it.

I think that, seeing as you are able to attend college and vote thanks to feminists, you at least owe it to them to accurately represent what they believe.

Sean Poindexter
Senior Sociology Major

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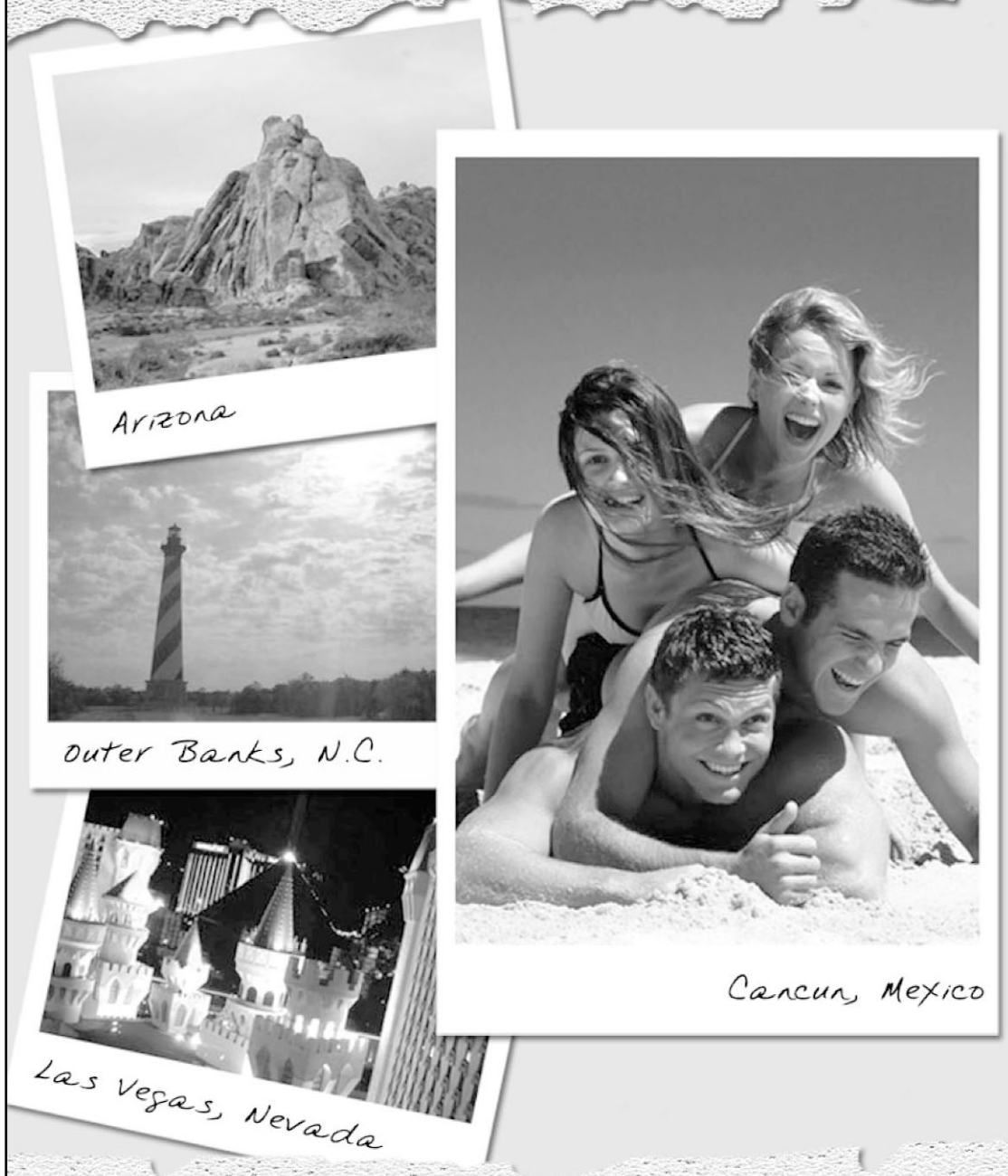

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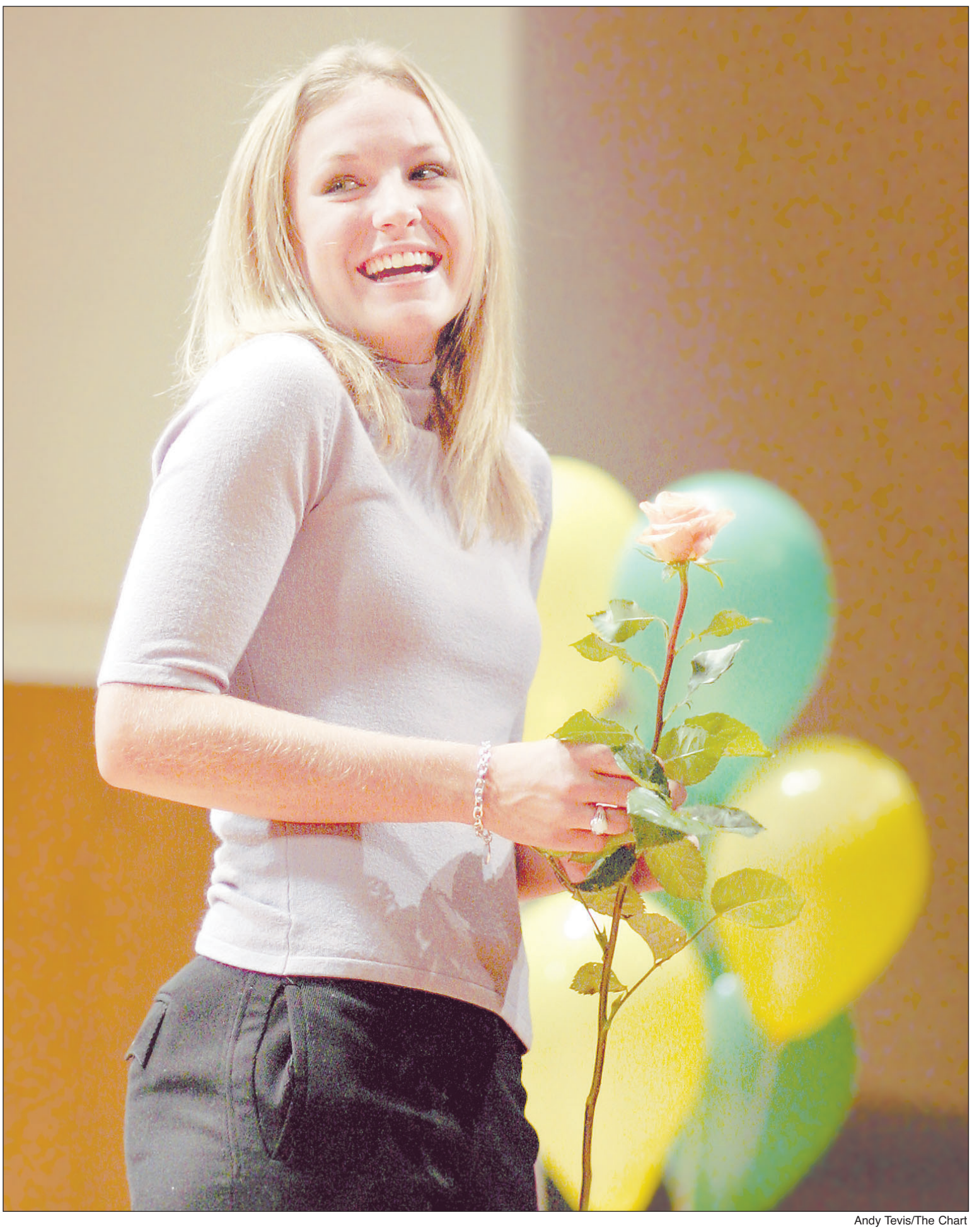

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Samantha Lee, sophomore education major, stands on stage in Webster Hall Auditorium as she is introduced to the crowd during Southern IMPACT's Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction Oct. 29.

Students bid for dates at auction

By Aron Crouse
Staff Writer

Southern IMPACT's third annual Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction did more than raise money Wednesday.

The United Way benefit organized by Jason Givens, president of Southern IMPACT, auctioned women and men off as dates to participating guests. The auction has been organized for four years, but was canceled one year.

"It's a fun thing to do," said Dustin Drake, junior criminal justice administration and law enforcement major. "Relax, have fun and it works out best for everybody."

The auction was not supposed to start until 8 p.m., but people were already taking seats at 7:15 p.m.

"It's getting better every year," Givens said.

He has been the organizer every year that it has been held. This year's event hosted an estimated 200 students and area residents.

To participate in the auction, bidders paid $2, or $1 if a canned good was also donated.

"Last year was very funny, and I couldn't resist coming back this year," said Pat Hill, sophomore marketing major. "It's a lot more organized this year."

The event hosts were Chris Turner, sophomore general business major, and Demarcus Mathes, junior secondary education major. Both Turner and Mathes entertained the crowd with a few knock-knock jokes, dancing with the music on stage, and they even sang together.

Bids started at $3 with the lowest bid at $4 and the highest at $35.

"This is probably one of the best turnouts we have had," Turner said. "I would probably do it again if if they have it next year."

"I did it last year, and it was fun," said Nic Proctor, junior general business major. "It was for a good cause."

Some contestants motivated the crowd by shaking a little booty, and some of the men took off their shirts.

The highlight of the evening was Orestus Cavness, junior undecided major, walking out on the stage in only his boxers to be auctioned off.

"I did It to get the crowd livened up," Cavness said. "It was a lot better than last year."

"I did it to have fun and meet new people," said Lindsey Banks, Joplin resident. "I was really nervous.

Givens said IMPACT will hold the auction again next year.

Hall offers children safe trick-or-treating

By Jessica MacIntosh
Online Editor

It's all about tradition at Missouri Southern, and one tradition continues after starting 15 years ago.

Every year, McCormick Hall plays host to Safe Halloween, where children can trick-or-treat.

Safe Halloween has grown into a community event.

"A couple of SAs started it," said Carla Fairbanks, residence director in McCormick Hall.

"It started off small, but it has blossomed out into this enormous trick-or-treat night for the area."

Fairbanks said McCormick Hall is opened up to the families and their children for two hours on Halloween.

"Kids around the area are allowed to come in and trick-or-treat throughout the halls, and the residence hand out candy to the kids," she said. "The parents take them (children) through the whole building. It's just a safe place for kids to come."

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> **Carla Fairbanks**
> *Residence Director in McCormick Hall*

The Safe Halloween event is geared toward younger children. Fairbanks said the parents enjoy it because "it's warm, and it's a safe environment."

"They don't have to worry about kids tripping and falling," Fairbanks said.

The residence hall is expecting more children than last year at the event since Halloween is on a Friday this year.

"Usually we average between 200 and 300 kids," Fairbanks said. "This year we are not sure. We are guessing it's going to be on the higher end of the scale."

Not only has Southern continued its tradition with Safe Halloween, but also Fairbanks said because of the event's growing popularity, families set the tradition.

"We have a lot of people that return," she said. "It's a good community involvement; something we can do for the community."

The motivation for the event was a desire to better serve the community and provide a safe place for children to go trick-or-treating.

"We provide it (Safe Halloween) because a lot of students on campus have kids," Fairbanks said.

"They don't really have a place or might not know of many place to go trick-or-treating, so this is a good alternative for them."

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, thinks Southern could do a better job supporting the surrounding community.

"We don't do a lot for the families," Blackford said.

Fairbanks said there is an "extreme amount of work" that goes into planning the Safe Halloween event from sending out news releases to decorating the residence hall.

"I start planning a month in advance sending out notices to all the area schools," she said. "You have to make sure everything goes as planned. If it's not in smooth working order a couple weeks beforehand, it's not going to be smooth that night."

With preparing for Safe Halloween, the Residence Hall Association does most of the planning and preparation.

But, the Campus Activities Board, this year, is helping with the festivities. Sodexho Campus Services is providing the cider and hot chocolate.

"Buying candy is so expensive," Fairbanks said.

Blackford said this is the first time CAB is participating and is helping with the event.

"We contributed money for candy," she said.

For the event all together, the RHA spends between $800-$1,000.

Blackford said she hopes the CAB will help again next year if the event goes well this year.

"It's really good," Blackford said. "It's good for the kids and parents. The best we can do is serve the non-traditional families."

The event will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday in McCormick Hall. There is no entrance fee.

Persons interested in the event and need more information, call the McCormick Hall office at 659-4190.

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Anthropologist Ruth Behar exhibits her book of Cuban poetry during her lecture Oct. 24.

Anthropologist reads Cuba poems

By David Haut
Staff Writer

Southern's Cuba Semester was enhanced once again Oct. 24 by the poetry of anthropologist Dr. Ruth Behar.

Growing up, Behar said she wanted to write poetry, but due to negative reviews from teachers, she gave it up.

On one of her many excursions to Cuba, Behar felt overwhelmed by her native heritage and culture and decided to explore the world of poetry again.

She published two books in Cuba: *Return to Cuba* and *Everything I Kept.*

"It was always my intention to publish in Cuba," said Behar.

Behar read poems from her second book, which was inspired by the prose poems of Dulce Marià.

Not a fan of prose poetry, Behar stayed away from it until reading some of Marià's poems. She was able to personally meet and become friends with Dulce Marià, which added to her inspiration.

The poems of *Everything I Kept* were written over a period of six months in various places. One, Behar said, was written during a faculty meeting.

The book was hand-crafted by Cuban bookmaker and artist Rolando Estévez.

"[Estévez] makes one copy of a book the way he wants it to look," said Behar. "He then takes it to his workshop where they make copies."

Only 200 copies of a book are made. Each book is crafted with a number on it, the first copy going to the writer.

Other copies are kept for Estévez's archives, which limits its circulation.

The poems are printed on thick, brown paper. The cover art was added to the book by glue.

Behar read 20 of her poems in English, but didn't come close to finishing the book.

Each poem is printed in English on one side, Spanish on the other.

"Some of them are too personal to read aloud," Behar said. "You'll have to read them on your own."

Behar's poetry and images of her books are available on her Web site, www.ruthbehar.com.

Nate Proctor is introduced to the ladies during Southern IMPACT's Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction Oct. 29. Read the story for information on the event

The Glory Days

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Dave Peterson, left, and Jeff Kuhns perform as members of The Flashbacks at Glory Days Music Cafe Oct. 25

Store transforms into musical variety show

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

Guitars that once hung on walls, now make sweet music for the masses.

Every Saturday night, Glory Days Music store is transformed into a musical variety show.

Brothers Ben and David Peterson opened The Glory Days Music store in January 1997. The store had humble beginnings.

"We started on a shoestring," Ben said, "We sold our old, used equipment."

The store was originally meant to be a no-smoking, no-drinking club.

"We're not opposed to smoking or drinking," Ben said, "We just wanted something different. We wanted a place where people could bring their kids."

A large motivating factor for the rules was a concern for Ben's health.

"I actually had a doctor ask me how long I had been smoking," he said. "He said I had signs of emphysema and that was just from all the years of performing in smoky bars."

The club vision never materialized, but the siblings created a successful business selling everything from electric guitars to drum sets. After Sept. 11, the music business slowed down.

"People were more concerned about buying soap and food," David said, "not whether or not they needed a new guitar."

The siblings saw the tough economy as an opportunity to exhibit their musical abilities in the form of their band The Flashbacks.

"It started as a way to bring more people into the store," Ben said. "If we can get people who wouldn't normally buy musical equipment in, then maybe they'll come back."

The Saturday night jam sessions have been good for business. David said business has picked up and the store now has around 90 students who visit the store for various music lessons. The Petersons use the performances as personal stress relievers too.

"Honestly, it's an escape," Ben said. "When we're on stage, we're not thinking about how hard business is."

The Petersons have a musical heritage. Their grandfather was a musician that toured the Midwest and sat in with Louis Armstrong.

The Flashbacks consist of Ben playing drums, David playing guitar and fiddle, friend Jeff Kuhns playing bass, and their sister Buffy Peterson singing lead vocals.

Every member of the band sings lead and background vocals depending on the song. They are especially proud of their three- and four-part harmonies.

The Glory Days Music Café began with four tables and 16 chairs, but now more than 100 people visit the store-converted-club every Saturday night to watch The Flashbacks perform. The music is an eclectic collection of blues, rock 'n'roll, oldies and folk. Some of the artists that the band covers include Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaugn and Charlie Daniels.

The Flashbacks perform three 45-minute sets every Saturday night starting at 8 p.m.

For information on Glory Days Music, the music café or The Flashbacks, persons may call 206-2525.

Board discusses spring events, next year's Homecoming theme

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

The Oct. 29 Campus Activities Board meeting was moved from the second floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center to inside the student activities office because of the Graduation Expo.

Spring events again dominated the agenda.

"We really need to hammer out spring," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "I wanted to plan spring by Thanksgiving."

Applications for talent show acts will come out in January and will be due before Valentine's Day.

Blackford proposed possibly foregoing a major speaker for the spring semester and use the money to help pay the electric sign proposed by Student Senate.

She said CAB may bring a speaker, but one that would not cost nearly as much as FDNY Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto did.

Picciotto spoke on Sept. 10 for a cost of $11,000. Blackford said normally CAB would not spend such an amount on a speaker.

"We didn't mind paying that for Chief Picciotto, since he had a story to tell," she said. "He spoke on an event that impacted a lot of people."

Blackford said CAB is willing to pay more for a speaker who will interest a large number of people rather than a speaker who appeals to only a specific group of people. She said she is shooting for April for a speaker.

Other proposed spring events included a date-movie night for Feb. 13, the Friday before Valentine's Day, a possible Super Bowl party and a "girl's night out."

Blackford told members she would be meeting with the Homecoming committee before the next CAB meeting and ideas were suggested for next year's Homecoming theme. Among the suggestions were an '80s theme, a '50s sock hop theme, Hollywood theme and a safari theme.

Blackford said she has spoken to many members of the special events committee unofficially, and all thought the pool party proposed at the Oct. 22 meeting was a good idea.

Blackford said from now on the Board will hold official meetings every other week and have work meetings on the off weeks.

Wednesday's meeting will be the first work meeting.

Prague orchestra performs for students, community

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

World-renowned musicians are headed for Missouri Southern.

The Prague Chamber Orchestra and Eroica Trio will perform at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday in the Taylor Auditorium.

The groups are brought to campus through the efforts of Pro Musica, a not-for-profit organization based in Joplin.

"We have a very good relationship with the University," said Ken Meisinger, executive director of Pro Musica. "The crew from Taylor is very professional."

Pro Musica was founded in 1978 by Cynthia Schwab who stays involved in the company via her position as artistic director.

Pro Musica gained not-for-profit status from the government in the 1980s.

The corporation has brought many world-class professionals of classical music to the Joplin area.

"We work a year in advance to get these orchestras, the ones for next year were booked last spring," Meisinger said.

Originating in the Czech Republic, The Prague Chamber Orchestra has been performing around the world for 50 years and consists of between 30-35 members.

The Orchestra is made up of 12 violins, four violas, four cellos, and two double basses along with numerous wind and brass instruments.

The scheduled compositions include "Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus," "Op. 43," and "Concerto in C major" for piano, violin, cello, and orchestra by Ludwig van Beethoven.

The other group to perform at the event is the Eroica Trio.

The trio consists of three women who are accomplished musicians and who have toured the world playing some of the finest stages.

The members of the trio have known each other since childhood and have won numerous awards and honors both as a trio as well as individually.

"This trio ranks in the top three of the world," Meisinger said.

Tickets for the performance are available in advance at the Missouri Southern Box Office, Hometown Banks and Ernie Williamson's Music House.

"They will be available at the door, but with limited seating," Meisinger said.

Regular ticket prices are $18, $15 and $12 for general admission and $15, $12 and $10 for student and senior discount tickets.

"Most choice seats are gone, but there are still some good seats left," Meisinger said.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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The Human Stain opens at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

"Cuba On Our Minds: Reflections of Joplin's Only Cuban-American Couple" lecture @ 1 p.m. @ Webster Hall Auditorium.

Safe Halloween trick-or-treating @ 5 p.m. @ McCormick Residence Hall.

Big Smitty Halloween party @ 9 p.m. @ King Jack Bar & Grill in Webb City.

Frail, The Rich Kids, Brutally Frank and The Lonely concert @ 8 p.m. @ Route 66 Theatre.

As I Lay Dying and Nodes of Anvier concert @ 7 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Crying Out Loud concert @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Halloween Bash @ 8 p.m. @ The Kitchen Pass.

Coventry Sacrifice and Aftermath concert @ IC Shakers in Pittsburg.

Scary-okee @ 5 p.m. @ Historic Reddings Mill Inn.

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Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Charlie Daniel's Band concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ Joplin Memorial Hall.

Bands Against Bush concert featuring Brutally Frank, Dark is the Day, Ralphus, Dead Bird the Dawning and the Shenanigans @ 4 p.m. @ Club Cesspool.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

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BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

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BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. second floor BSC.

Bear in the Big Blue House Live @ 7 p.m. @ Jopin Memorial Hall.

Adema and Godsmack concert @ 7 p.m. @ Memorial Hall in Kansas City.

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Karaoke and all you can eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Rich Roberts Jazz Classics @ 6:30 @ Fusion Bistro.

Carrot Top comedy show @ 7:30 @ SMSU in Springfield.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

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"I will not bury the new kid."

"I will not teach others to fly."

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Spiva Center seeks artists for furniture art

The George A. Spiva Center for the Arts announced its second annual area artists challenge Oct. 21. This year's challenge is to create works of art based on furniture.

The center will open its classrooms to artists on Nov. 7 for those who chose to work on their pieces at the center. The rooms will be open regular business hours on Saturday. The public is invited to come and view the artists at work.

The exhibit opens Nov. 14. For information, persons may call 623-0183.

Freeman makes progress on ground, air transport

Freeman Health System announced the purchase of Elk River Ambulance in Pineville Oct. 20.

A statement from Freeman Health System stated the company plans to employ additional medical professionals as well to enhance ambulance service in McDonald County.

A statement issued Oct. 24 announced Freeman Health System's partnership with EagleMed, a leading provider of critical care emergency air transport services. EagleMed began operating as Freeman's air medical provider Oct. 1.

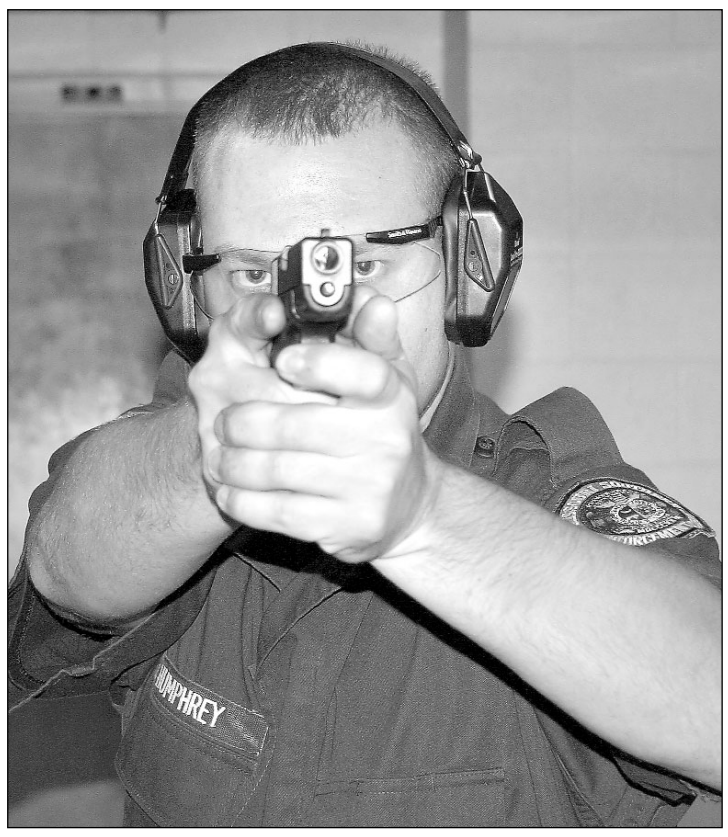
EagleMed brings multiple aircraft to the area in both helicopters and fixed-wing planes. Multiple aircraft allow for rapid transport of multiple injuries.

NALA finds new home in downtown Joplin

The Joplin Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action moved into a new facility on Oct. 10 at 502 S. Pearl.

Members of the Missouri Southern baseball team and area citizens volunteered to help with the move. The center, however, is still in need of larger facilities.

Gun law awaits judge's decision



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Jason Humphrey, a first year student at the Law Enforcement Academy, demonstrates handgun techniques.

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
City Editor

With a ruling on a permanent injunction against the Missouri Right to Carry Law expected in the next few days, the case is likely to proceed to the Missouri Supreme Court, said attorneys representing both sides of the case.

Just one day before the law, which was passed by the state legislature over Gov. Bob Holden's veto, was to take effect, Circuit Court Judge Steven Ohmer passed a temporary injunction against the measure.

"There are four or five categories of constitutional deficiencies with the law," said Burton Newman, co-counsel for the plaintiffs.

Newman said the judge issued the temporary injunction because the plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits of the constitutional argument.

Article one, section 23 of the Constitution of Missouri provides citizens with the right to bear arms. A provision to the constitution dating to 1875 reads, "but this shall not justify the wearing of concealed weapons."

On Oct. 23, a second hearing was held in the circuit court of St. Louis on a permanent injunction against the law.

Scott Holste, an official with the Missouri Attorney General's office, said the state is not making any comments on the arguments.

"This case will be headed to the Missouri Supreme Court one way or another," Holste said.

Alvin Brooks, mayor pro tem of Kansas City, is one of 10 plaintiffs listed in the lawsuit that resulted in the injunction.

This is something the Supreme Court should look at, he said.

"This is a sort of David and Goliath," Brooks said. "David being the citizens of Missouri represented by the 10 of us taking on the attorney general's office and the wealthy 4.2 million members of the NRA. Don't forget what happened in the story."

He said he is hopeful that Ohmer will rule in favor of a permanent injunction, and the Supreme Court justices will fast track their review of the law.

Harold Miederhoff, secretary of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association, said the organization has hopes the injunction against the right to carry will be lifted. The Missouri Sport Shooting Association is the state chapter of the National Rifle Association.

"At this point, we just have to wait and see what happens," Miederhoff said.

TURN TO **GUNS**, PAGE 9

Area groups seek to scare Joplin

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

From heart-stopping fright houses to blood-curdling outdoor trails, area organizations offer various Halloween events for those brave enough to attend.

Private citizens and area schools have all entered the fear business this year.

Amy Renfro, senior general business major, is the manager of Death Trap spook house.

"We are the biggest spook house in the area with 44,000 square feet," Renfro said. "We have 400 -500 people a night."

Death Trap is located at 10th and Main streets. The cost is $7 per person. The spook house is open throughout the night on both Friday and Saturday. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Joplin High School's Project Graduation is hosting the Trail of Horror, which is located behind Roper Honda on the north side of East Newman Road.

The outdoor trail, which features a graveyard scene, is open from dusk to midnight, at a cost of $5 per person.

Halloween offers more than just spook houses after dusk.

The Hornet Ghost Light, also known as the Joplin Spooklight, is said to be located in Southwest Missouri on the Oklahoma border.

The Spooklight is described as a single glowing orb, usually golden or red in color, that appears at the end of a road.

There are several theories as to the origins of the spooklight. Folklore attributes the light to the spirits of American Indians from various local tribes. Other legends maintain the spooklight is the spirit of a a miner searching for his kidnapped wife and children.

Darren Gibbs, junior mass communications major, is more attracted by the real-life thrill experiences, but is split on the choice.

"I haven't decided yet," Gibbs said. "Since I'm new in the area I thought maybe I'll check out some of the spook houses around here. I heard the Dogpound is really good, and there is one in Neosho that must be really good as well."

Carl Junction High School Project Graduation hosts the Dogpound of Fear, which is open from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

The Dogpound of Fear is located across from the cemetery on Stockholm Street near the Waco school.

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Levi Reed, a sophomore at Joplin High School, works on Project Graduation's Trail of Terror.

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went through because of the peer pressure and the bad choices that I made," Silveria said. "People have to live with the choices they make."

A clip from "Rescue 911" was played. The clip showed the events that happened the night of Silveria's wreck and his story of recovery. It included the actual accident, his hospitalization and the following protracted recovery. After the tape, Silveria spoke again.

"I can tell you not to drink and drive, but you will do what you want to do," Silveria said. "You have to take responsibility for the choices you make. I understand how you feel when people tell you how to live and what to do. I just wished that I would have listened."

Tony Silveria asked León and Holden on stage. Tony talked about how such an incident not only affects the person himself, but also his environment. He gave some statistics about different things that affect families who go through trauma. He said seven out of 10 families are torn apart when going through such a trauma. He also shared the fact that his son's medical expenses have exceeded $2 million.

"The quality of life is dictated by the choices you make," Tony said. "You are one bad choice away from being a Brandon."

Holden thanked Brandon and his father for telling their story.

"I'm glad to see Brandon, to meet him and his family, to hear the story," Holden said. "He is alive and he made it. I think it's a strong, powerful message. I think that makes such an impact. I hope it will help me communicate those messages to young people."

April Hauper, freshman criminal justice major, said she was deeply moved by the speech, because a similar experience happened to her son.

"I went through the same thing, so I know what it's like when someone makes a bad choice and sees that kind of thing happen.," Hauper said. "I know what it is like, because my son went through the same thing."

STUDENT:

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She returned in 2001 to Southern to earn her bachelor's in nursing.

"Her death was a surprise to everyone," Johnson said. "We had even planned next semester's classes."

Custer wanted to teach nursing when she graduated.

"One of the biggest tragedies is nobody had a clue," said Dr. William Black, assistant professor of biology. "It's a lesson learned, don't hold it in; there is help; you just have to find it."

Custer was originally from Havelock, N.C. She moved to Missouri with her family.

Custer was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She had served on a mission trip to North Carolina.

"She was smart, the life of everything, kept a smile on everyone's face," Martin said, Nevada. "She was my support."

Custer was the one to turn to with a problem, Martin said. She said Custer wanted to help everyone and she didn't ask for herself.

"We are all in this boat together," Black said. "We have to help each other."

"Everyone would have been there for her, it leaves you wondering 'What did I not do?'" Martin said.

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GUNS:

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Still awaiting a final ruling from the circuit court and pending any motions before the Supreme Court, Missouri law enforcement agencies are continuing to plan for the law to go into effect.

"I've taken a stand against the law," said Joplin Police Chief Kevin Lindsey. "I certainly support the constitution and its various amendments, and I do not feel that this law will benefit public safety."

Both the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association have taken stances against the law.

Regardless of the verdict, Lindsey said he has an obligation to uphold the law. He said officers are always trained to be vigilant, but the new law will require them to be even more so.

"The one thing we are not going to do is let our guard down," Lindsey said.

Three officers from the Joplin Police Department are teaching the required course to carry a concealed weapon at Missouri Southern.

Lt. Delmar Haase, one of the officers teaching the course said the new law should not be a burden to law enforcement personnel.

"I honestly don't believe this will cause us a problem," Haase said. "We stress legally what you can do and security of the weapon in the class."

Haase said both Oklahoma and Arkansas have similar concealed weapons statutes and is aware of no serious problems in those resulting from the law.

"One thing we may see is an increase in weapons stolen from cars," he said.

More than 50 students a week have taken the eight-hour course at Missouri Southern, which has been offered since the beginning of October.

Lindsey said these officers are teaching their students to notify an officer of the presence of a concealed weapon in a vehicle during a traffic stop.

Lindsey said drivers are to put their hands at the top of the steering wheel and then produce the appropriate documents to carry a concealed weapon.

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Pachanga!

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For the first time in the International Club's history, the club displays the international diversity of the campus in the Homecoming Parade.

Party brings international unity

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Students from any place in the world can find a place in one Missouri Southern organization.

The International Club has existed for more than 10 years on the campus of Southern, but this year, the club is working on what it hopes will become an annual event for generations of students to come.

The event is called the "International Pachanga." The Pachanga, which is Spanish for "dance," will allow students of all nationalities to come and fellowship with one another while experiencing a mix of different cultures.

The dance is just one example of the club's goals.

"[We hope to] bring cultural awareness to the campus," said Eric Ducommun, sophomore physics and Spanish major and vice president of the club.

Rahila Khan, junior physics major and president of the club, said the club hopes to promote diversity and help compliment the international-themed semesters.

"It's not just for international students," Khan said.

Khan and Ducommun said it is a misnomer that the club is only for international students.

Trish Udell, adjunct professor with the Institute of International Studies, said the club can help any student who has an international focus.

She said foreign language and international business majors are two examples of people who can benefit from the club. During each meeting, the club has an international presentation focusing on different countries and cultures.

Among the activities the club has helped promote and work were the León's international party, Homecoming events and the upcoming Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

At the MSIPC, the club members will greet the guests.

Khan and Ducommun said the competitors have the possibility of meeting someone from their own country.

"It helps them feel at home here in Joplin," Khan said.

Members go canoeing and celebrate the Chinese New Year.

When students go home for the summer, the club has an annual Middle East feast.

The Pachanga will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Connor Ballroom of Billingsly Student Center.

All students are welcome to come and may pick up tickets from international students wearing shirts with the Pachanga logo, which consists of a stick-figure man, a stick-figure woman and a music note set in a math problem.

The tickets are $4 if purchased in advance and $5 if purchased at the door.

Among the items planned for the evening at the Pachanga, are dance demonstrations from around the world, international trivia, limbo contests, international music and prizes.

The Pachanga will be used as a fund-raiser for the club, but Khan and Ducommun said students should have fun as well.

The club has meetings at 2:22 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month during the semester in Webster Hall, Room 206.

Club dues are $5.

Cuban expert plans speech about policies

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Experts are usually sought out when it comes to their fields of experience, but one Cuban-policy expert in particular is willing to make herself known to Missouri Southern students.

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo.) will come to Southern on the tentative date of Dec. 10.

Emerson is the first woman to be elected by the Missouri Eighth Congressional District to the U.S. House of Representatives. She is also the first woman Republican Missouri has sent to Congress.

Emerson was one of eight U.S. lawmakers to go to Cuba in March 2003.

Jo Ann Emerson
U.S. Representative

She will speak about her experience there and her opinions on U.S. policies with Cuba.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, said he had heard about her experience and asked if she could come and speak.

"It ties in wonderfully with the Cuba Semester theme," Stebbins said.

He said the opportunity to hear her is especially important because she is from Missouri and has a working knowledge of the politics involved.

Matt Hite, senior political science major, will also welcome Emerson's visit.

He and the College Republicans will work to make Emerson's visit more comfortable and also help to promote the event.

Hite interned with Emerson for six weeks during June and July of 2002.

"She's like the nicest woman in the world," Hite said.

He said she would come into the office every morning with a smile on her face.

"I think the University is really lucky to have her come," Hite said.

Both Stebbins and Hite agreed on Emerson's ability to speak on the subject. They said she is the foremost authority in Missouri to talk about Cuba.

"She is so well versed in the issue," Hite said.

Although neither Stebbins nor Hite was exactly sure on the subject of Emerson's presentation, both said it is likely she will talk about lifting the embargo on Cuba. Her most-used speech involves the benefits to Missouri farmers should the embargo be lifted.

Emerson's presentation was originally set for Nov. 13, however, Congress will stay in session until Nov. 7. Afterward, Emerson is going with a delegation from the House Appropriations committee to Iraq until Nov. 13.

Stebbins said Emerson is willing to come and has tentatively set the date for Dec. 10.

The presentation will be titled, "Cuba Policy: Setting a Foundation for the Future" and is set for 11 a.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Because of the tentative date, *The Chart* will have an updated schedule if anything is changed.

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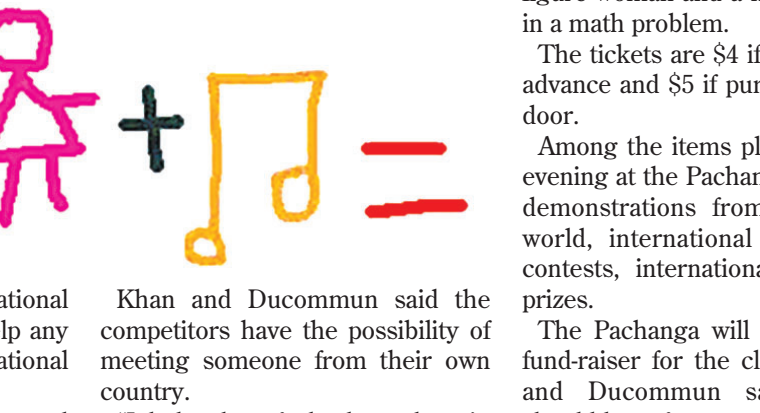

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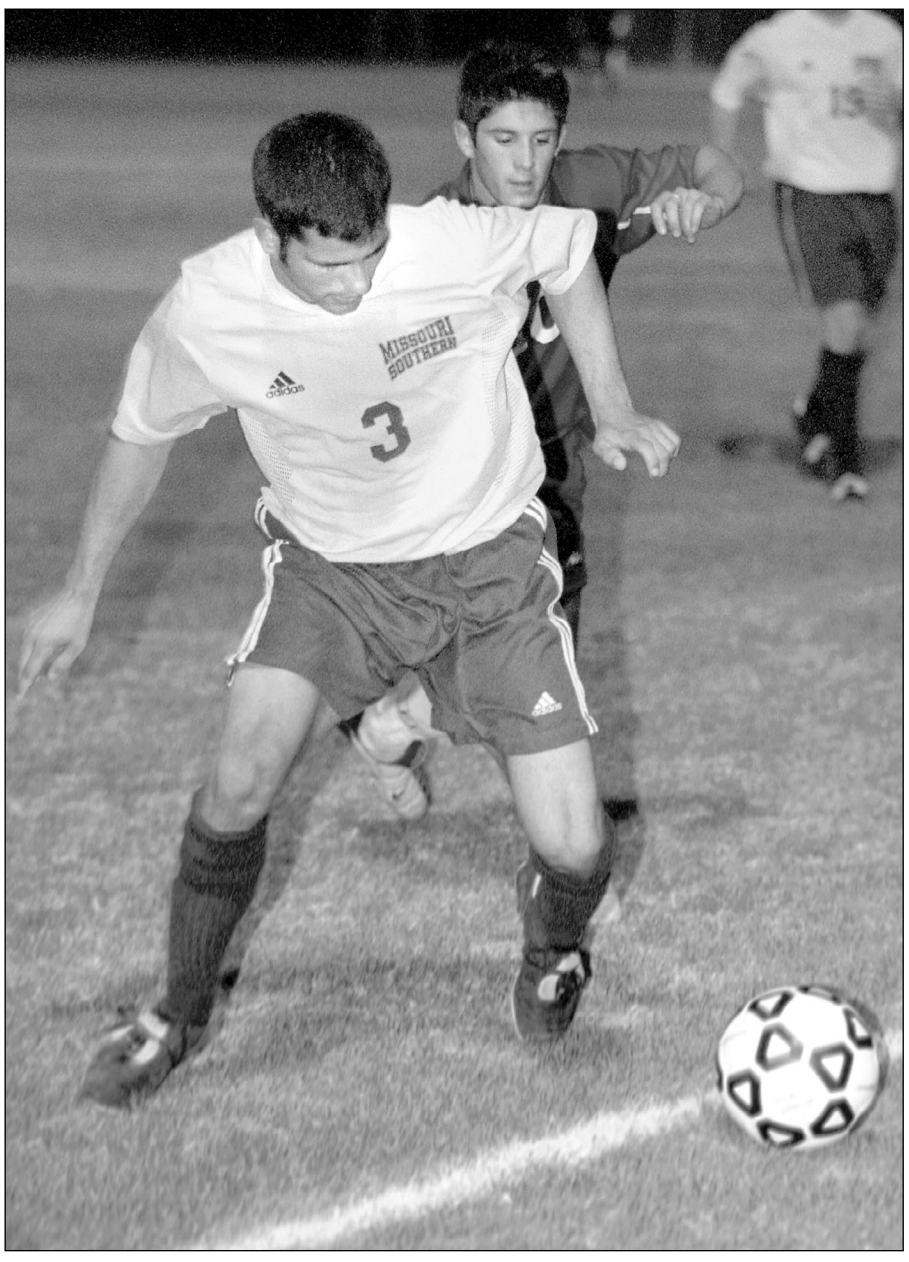

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Senior defender Nick Brusca tries to keep the ball away from a William Woods University player. The Missouri Southern men's soccer team beat WWU, 3-1.

Lions pummel William Woods

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

After a 12-day break, the Missouri Southern men's soccer team got back to work against William Woods University on Oct. 24, and came away with a 3-1 win.

Southern was led to the win off of goals by senior defender Nick Brusca, freshman forward B.J. Wylie and sophomore middle fielder J.P. West.

"We did a pretty good job there," said Kiley Cirillo head men's soccer coach. "We actually got our shots on goal a lot better."

In the next game on Oct. 26 against Drury University, the Lions were unable to score in a two goal first period and would fall to the Panthers by the score of 4-1.

Southern's lone goal was supplied by freshman forward Dane Arand.

"We are going to win," Cirillo said. "But it is going to take those hard knocks."

"Right now we are really frustrated," Brusca said. "We really wanted to win the Drury game."

"It's just effort," West said. "When we want to play well, we play well."

The final three games of the season for the Lions will find them squaring off against two of their three foes on the road.

Southern will play its final home game of the year against Harding University on Oct. 31.

The Lions will then go on the road for contests in Kansas City against the Hawks of Rockhurst University on Sunday and then onto Kirksville where they will tangle with the Truman State University Bulldogs on Nov. 8.

Lions 1

Panthers 4

The men feel good about the upcoming stretch of games.

"I think that the mood of the team is, 'we want to win, how can we?'" Cirillo said.

"And that's a good attitude to have."

"Our 0-6 start really got us down," Brusca said "After we started winning and started to regroup, we thought there were some things that we needed to fix, and we started to fix them. Everybody's hopes are a lot higher than they were when we were 0-6."

"It'll take a lot of mental preparation and practicing," West said.

Friday will be senior night, when the Lions will honor their six seniors at 7 p.m.

Mutert receives MIAA honors

BY TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

The Emporia State University Hornets faced the wrath of Missouri Southern during the Oct. 24 volleyball game at Emporia.

With game scores of 30-27, 30-27, 16-30, and 30-20, the Lions made up for a lost to ESU earlier in the season.

Jackie Gallagher, junior middle and outside hitter, led the team with 22 kills. "It was a total team effort," said Debbie Traywick, head coach.

"I think we played together as a team, and that helped us to win and achieve our goal," said Jenny Ford senior middle hitter. "It was all about talking and communication."

The Lions had their second win of the season against Missouri Western State College Oct. 29. The Griffons were defeated with scores of 30-26, 30-26, 25-30, and 30-25.

"I thought our center, Kym Mutert played extremely well," Traywick said.

Mutert was previously named a Wilson/MIAA Player of the Week.

She has become the career assists leader at Southern with 4,352, beating the record of 3,677 set by Danielle Bishop in 1989-1992.

Mutert added six kills, two block assists and an ace against the Lady Panthers of Drury University in the Oct. 21 game.

Mutert also became eighth place on the MIAA's career assists list, passing Abby Willms of Northwest Missouri State University and Jamie St. Marie of Central Missouri State University.

She added 38 assists, nine digs, five kills, one ace and a block assist in the 3-0 loss to Washburn University Oct. 22. During the Oct. 29 game, Mutert logged 48 assists, two block assists and 11 digs on the way to beating MWSC 3-1. She is averaging 15.33 assists per game.

Traywick said the Lions out dug the Griffons defensively and had more kills than they did, and that was the difference in the game.

"We came together well as a team," said Jessica Puszewski, senior outside hitter.

The Lions' upcoming games are Friday against Truman State University at home, Saturday against NWMSU at home and Tuesday against DU in Springfield.

To clench a berth in the MIAA Tournament Southern will have to have a home win against Truman State University Friday or have MWSC lose to Pittsburg State University the same evening.

Women's soccer seeks victory in final games of year

BY MELISSA BLANCHARD
Staff Writer

With back-to-back losses, the Lions look to end the season with victory.

Missouri Southern women's soccer team played Central Missouri State University Oct. 24 losing 2-1. Several of the normal starters were feeling under the weather.

"We had a little bit of a different lineup, and they (CMSU) got real lucky on their first goal," said Trevor Wachsman, women's soccer coach.

The Jennies scored both of their goals within the first three minutes of the game.

"We didn't come out as hard as we should have, because we had beat them in the past," said Melissa Husby, senior defender.

"We decided in huddle to pick it up, and we played really hard. The score didn't reflect the game at all, we outplayed them."

CMSU had a rough kick with 11 fouls in the first half, compared to Southern's two fouls.

"It was a rough game, but it's pretty normal; they were playing real defensively," Wachsman said.

"We took our fair share of hits; they just have a different style of playing," Husby said.

On Oct. 28, the Lions took a rough loss of 8-0 to University Central Oklahoma in Edmond. The UCO Bronchos had come back from a loss, and the game was on against Southern.

"Last night we played a good team and we didn't step up to the intensity they had, and we didn't step up and we were never really in the game," Wachsman said.

"We couldn't make anything work and we weren't connecting as a team," Husby said.

"Anything that could have gone wrong went wrong."

With three games left in the season, two of which are at home, the Lions hope to end the season on a win.

"We need to put heart into the game. In practice we play with heart and have a good time and that needs to carry over," Husby said.

The Lions played Emporia State University Oct. 30. The eight seniors were honored before the 6 p.m. game.

"We tied them last time, and we were up one goal twice," Wachsman said.

The key to this win, he said is, "being mentally prepared and playing hard for 90 minutes as a team."

"We practice really well; at times our biggest difficulty is carrying that over to the game," Wachsman said.

"We need to put heart into the game," Husby said, "in practice we play hard and have a good time and that needs to carry over."

Correction: In the Oct. 24 issue it was mistakenly reported that the women's soccer team lost to Central Missouri State University. Southern won, 2-0.

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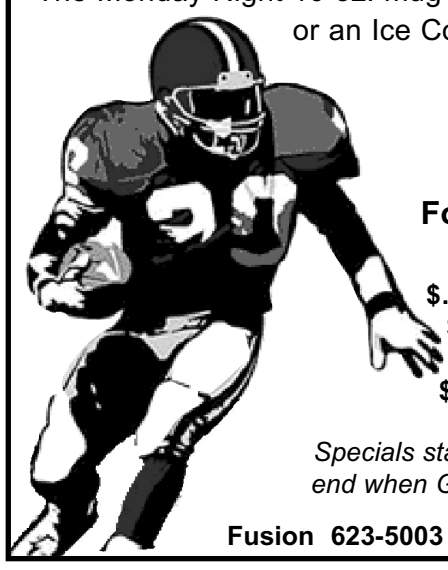

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LION STATS

Football

Oct. 25 Results

PSU	**7**	**28**	**7**	**7**	**— 49**
MSSU	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**

First Quarter

PSU — Philpot 8 yd run (Alleman kick), 1:06

Second Quarter

PSU — Carpenter 37 yd pass from Philpot (Alleman kick), 13:12. PSU — Race 3 yd run (Alleman kick), 9:23. PSU — Race 10 yd run (Alleman kick), 7:08. PSU — Carpenter 51 yd pass from Philpot (Alleman kick), 00:25

Third Quarter

PSU — Race 6 yd run (Alleman kick), 10:36

Fourth Quarter

PSU — Majors 12 yd run (Alleman kick), 1:55

Cross Country

Oct. 25 Results

Men's

Teams	Score
1. MSSU	**47**
2. TSU	48
3. CMSU	87
4. NWMSU	92
5. ESU	128
6. PSU	142
7. UMR	178
8. SBU	210

Women's

Teams	Score
1. PSU	50
2. MSSU	**62**
3. TSU	78
4. CMSU	86
5. SBU	116
6. UMR	161
7. NWMSU	172
8. ESU	190

Women's Soccer

Oct. 28 Results

MSSU	**0**	**0**	**—**	**0**
UCO	**3**	**5**	**—**	**8**

MSSU Scoring: NONE

UCO Scoring: Habibi (Gutierrez), 6:42. Cabrera (Gutierrez), 20:39. Anderson (Rogers), 36:45. Habibi (Bacon), 47:41. Bundy (Rogers), 58:54. Habibi (Cabrera), 59:58. Galpin (Rogers), 68:18. Anderson (Bohannan), 81:52

Men's Soccer

Oct. 26 Results

MSSU	**0**	**1**	**—**	**1**
DU	**2**	**2**	**—**	**4**

MSSU Scoring: Arand (unassisted), 85:59

DU Scoring: Shepherd (unassisted), 3:32. Evans (Mattingly), 32:10. Sebus (Couvillon), 62:54. Evans (Greatwich), 69:38

Volleyball

Oct. 29 Results

MSSU	**30**	**30**	**25**	**30**
MWSC	**26**	**26**	**30**	**25**

Southern Schedule

Oct. 31

Men's Soccer @ home against Harding University @ 7 p.m.

Volleyball @ home against Truman State University @ 7 p.m.

Nov. 1

Football @ home against Southwest Baptist University @ 2 p.m.

Volleyball @ home against Northwest Missouri State University @ noon

Nov. 2

Men's Soccer @ Rockhurst University

Nov. 4

Volleyball @ Drury University

Nov. 5

Women's Soccer @ home against Northwest Missouri State University @ 5 p.m.

Nov. 6

Volleyball @ Central Missouri State University

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Jerrod Murphy, junior linebacker, is taken down during the first half of the U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl VI held at Hughes Stadium. Missouri Southern lost, 49-0.

Lions lick wounds, set for SBU

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern Lions football team held the Pittsburg State University Gorillas to a scoreless tie on Oct. 25 until there was only 1:06 left in the first quarter.

From there, the Gorillas would go on to rack 571 total offensive yards and 26 first downs in a 49-0 defeat of the Lions.

"Pittsburg State was a bad match up for us physically," said assistant head football coach Rob Green.

"Once they got up on us it forced us to do some things offensively that we really didn't want to have to do."

In the loss, the Lions were only able to manage 143 total yards of offense, including 38 net passing yards.

Up next, Southern will face off with the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University.

On offense, senior quarterback Kokain Mothershed will be facing a Bearcats defense that has been allowing 31.2 points per game and 195.4 passing yards per game.

SBU's rush defense is allowing 190.8 rush yards per game and a 4.7 per yard carry average with 18 touchdowns.

Lions 0

Gorillas 49

"Hopefully this will be a kind of coming out party for us offensively," Green said, "which we desperately need."

The Bearcats' offense will be bringing an offense that is scoring 25.2 points per game on average, while gaining 344.9 total yards per game.

"They don't do a lot offensively," said Mark Smith, defensive coordinator. "But they are good at what they do."

Wide receivers Marc Green and Dimetric Lyons are combining to gain 104.1 of the Bearcats' 161.6 passing yards per game.

"Any time you have a double threat at wide receiver, that's going to present a few problems," Rob Green said.

Smith thinks the key to stopping Marc Green and Lyons is "knowing where they are on the field at all times."

Southern's defense is allowing 33.9 points per game through eight games this season and allowing 355.6 total yards.

The Lions' offense is putting up 14.1 points per game and is gaining 255.9 total yards per game, with 3.6 yards per play average. The Lions' rushing attack is gaining 117.6 yards per game.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Hughes Stadium.

Men's X-country captures fourth straight title

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

In 2000, they shaved his head; in 2001, they bleached his hair; and in 2003, the men's cross country team dyed head coach Tom Rutledge's hair green.

Rutledge said the dying of the hair was the players' idea. He told them he would dye his hair after they won the championship.

"I have to go through a day of school with my hair dyed green, so what," Rutledge said. "I tell you what, I was so happy Saturday I would have come back to Pittsburg State and run down the center of the football field naked. I would have done practically anything, because these guys laid it out. I was so freaking proud of them."

Missouri Southern (47 points) defeated Truman State University (48). Finishing out the race were Central Missouri State University (87), Northwest Missouri State University (92), Emporia State University (128), Pittsburg State University (142), University of Missouri-Rolla (178) and Southwest Baptist University (210).

Rutledge said the team was picked to win the conference at the beginning of the year because of last year's results, but TSU "came on like banshees."

"It was a race to always remember," he said. "It was a feat you could not understand, unless you were there."

Rutledge said there were three All-MIAA athletes at Southern, which is more than the rest of the universities. Finishing in the top 10 were CMSU sophomore Jarod Wall (25:13.04), TSU senior Alan Heincker (25:32.15), Southern senior Magnus Holmstrom (26:10), TSU junior Andy Person (26:13), Southern junior Paul Koehler (26:16), NWMSU senior John Heil (26:48), NWMSU senior Kyle Keraus (26:42), PSU sophomore Eric Sornson (26:48) and Southern junior Craig Rhoads. The next race for the team will be Nov. 8 at the NCAA Division II South Central Regionals in Commerce, Texas. Freshman Brian Roe said the team was "pretty happy" with the win, and the team is preparing for the next race.

"Gosh, we trained all season for this (regionals)," Roe said.

Rutledge said the goals for the season were to win conference, place within the top four and place within the top 10 in nationals.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Head men's cross country coach Tom Rutledge dyed his hair green after the Lions won the conference. Rutledge coaches junior Joel Standeford in preparation for NCAA Division II South Central Regionals.

Women's cross country takes on regional schools for national trip

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The women's cross country team picked up a second place finish, its best showing at the MIAA Conference Championship since winning the title in 1998.

Pittsburg State University won the race with 50 points, 12 less than Missouri Southern. Truman State University was third with 78 points. Finishing out the race were Central Missouri State University (86 points), Southwest Baptist University (116), University of Missouri-Rolla (161), Northwest Missouri State University (172) and Emporia State University (190).

Head Coach Patty Vavra said the team was disappointed with finishing second, but she told the team the greater goal was still ahead.

"They set some goals really early in the year," Vavra said. "Truthfully, as disappointed as they were, the biggest goal is still in front of us, because we've not had a women's team that's qualified for the national championship."

One goal the team set for itself was to finish higher in the conference meet. In 2002, the team placed third behind PSU and CMSU at conference. At the regional meet the Lions placed fourth behind PSU, CMSU and Abilene Christian University.

Another goal the Lions set was to win the regional meet. To go to the national meet, the team will have to place within the top two or place runners in the top five individually. If Southern does not place in the top two, but they do place runners in the top five, then the runners can go to the national meet instead of the team as a whole. The last runner that qualified for the national meet was Southern alum Sonia Eudy. In 1998, Eudy went to the NCAA Division II Championships. She placed second with a time of 21:48.3. Senior Rachel McGowan said the team is more relaxed after the conference race and is training like usual for the regional meet.

"We can't wait to see what we can do," McGowan said.

Vavra said the regional meet will be a challenge, but she is sure the team will be able to make the win. Three members of the team received All-MIAA honors for completing the conference meet in the top 10. The All-MIAA recipients were CMSU junior Kristin Anderson (22:20), UMR senior Kate Hamera (22:27), Southern senior Jen Noelken (22:28), PSU senior Abbey Oshel (22:37), Southern junior Ashley Caffey (22:51), PSU junior Megan Nelson (22:52), PSU senior Kyle Hutsey (23:13), TSU freshman Meagan Robertson (23:19), TSU junior Dani Rawlings (23:24) and Southern sophomore Megan Russell (23:26).

"We can't wait to see what we can do."

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